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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: James S. McClellan

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For: METHOD FOR MANAGING PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION
WITH RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows: